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Following is from Dept spokesman's noon briefing of

August 29:

QTE...Q. Is the Department trying to reach an agreement with the Russians over the future of the allied war criminals jailed in Berlin-Spandau? On September 2, the three inmates will be released; only one is left. And I understood that there were efforts to dissolve the jail, to save the tremendous costs of keeping up the jail for just one inmate.

A. There have been discussions within the Department here on Spandau, but I have not looked into this for some time, and I could not confirm that we have had discussions with the Soviets. But I would be glad to check that. UNQTE.

With further reference to the query on the future of Allied war criminals jailed in Berlin-Spandau, raised at the daily press briefing, Mr. McCloskey later in the day added the following information:

QTE Since the number of prisoners at Spandau will be

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reduced to one on September 30, we are naturally considering the ~~far~~ future of Spandau.

We have been in touch with the others of the Four responsible powers, including the Soviet Union, on possible ways of reducing the high overhead in manpower and money involved in maintaining Spandau. The Soviets have not yet made known their position on this. UNQTE.

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